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## Australia

### Trade Policy Monitoring

## Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement - TARIFFS 2003

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**Report Highlights:**

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On October 19, 2003, Australia and Thailand reached agreement on a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA). Reportedly, the FTA will be signed within the next five months and will go into effect on January 1, 2005. Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has now revealed some of the tariff concessions that were offered by Thailand as part of the FTA. The following table provides details on the elimination of Thai tariffs on certain agricultural products under the FTA. For further information on the FTA see GAIN Report #AS3040, dated 10/21/03.

#### THAILAND'S AGRICULTURAL TARIFFS UNDER AN FTA

PRODUCT	CURRENT TARIFF	TARIFF ON ENTRY-INTO FORCE (1)	TARIFF PHASE-OUT
<b>MEAT</b>			
- Sheep meat	32%		2010
- Beef	51%	40%	2020
- Beef offal	33%	30%	2020
- Pork	33%		2020
<b>DAIRY</b>			
- Infant formula	5%	0%	immediate
- Lactose	up to 20%	0%	immediate
- Casein and milk albumin	10%	0%	immediate
- Butter fat, milkfood, yoghurt, dairy spreads, ice cream	--		2010
- Skim milk powder	--	new quota of 2,200 MT, increasing by 17% at five-yearly intervals	2025 (+quota)
- Liquid milk & cream	--	new quota of 120 MT, increasing by 17% at five-yearly intervals	2025 (+quota)
- Butter, cheese, other milk powders & concentrates	--		2020
<b>GRAINS/PRODUCTS</b>			
- Wheat	1 baht/kg, 12-20% ad valorem equiv.	0%	immediate
- Barley, rye & oats	up to 25% ad valorem equiv.	0%	immediate
- Rice	--	0%	immediate (+quota)
- Unroasted malt	28% ad valorem equiv.	0%	immediate
- Wheat gluten	31%	0%	immediate
- Wheat flour	32.6%		2010
- Starch	31%		2010

<b>FRUIT/VEGETABLES</b>			
- Fresh fruit/vegetables	33%/42%		2010
- Mandarins	42%	30%	2015
- Grapes	33%	30%	2015
- Most tropical fruits	--	0%	immediate
- Fresh potatoes	--	additional quota, expanding yearly	2020 (+quota)
- Processed potatoes	30%		2015
- Fruit juice/canned fruit	30%	24%	2010
- Canned mixed fruit/canned pineapple	30%	0%	immediate
<b>SUGAR</b>			
- Sugar	--	additional quota, expanding 10% yearly	2020 (+quota)
<b>WINE/BEER/SPIRITS</b>			
- Wine	54%	40%	2015
- Beer/spirits	60%	30%	2010
<b>PROCESSED FOODS</b>			
- Chocolate confectionery	10%	0%	immediate
- Sugar confectionery	30%		2010
- Bakery products	25-30%		2010
- Crispbread/some cereals	--	0%	immediate
<b>OTHER</b>			
- Hides & skins	up to 10%	0%	immediate
- Wool	1%	0%	immediate
- Cotton	--	0%	immediate

(1) Represents immediate tariff concession. If cell is blank, tariff cut begins from current tariff rate.

Notes: -- signifies current tariff unavailable; '+quota' signifies quota elimination.